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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

VIT-AP SCHOOL OF LAW (VSL), VIT-AP UNIVERSITY, AMARAVATI

And

WORDICT-IP, A Boutique IP Law Firm Established in 1992

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Date of entering MoU

VIT-AP SCHOOL OF LAW

The VIT-AP University was established in 2017 by the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2016. VIT-AP University is the first private university established in the state of Andhra Pradesh. The vision of the VIT-AP University is to transform higher education and contribute to the improvement of life itself by application of knowledge. The mission of the university is to “improve the world through transformative education and impactful research by: fostering intellectual, empowered, accountable and caring workforce; producing outstanding graduates who are knowledgeable, creative and compassionate; and impacting industry and society through innovative and collaborative work. Based on the vision and mission of the VIT-AP University, **the VIT-AP School of Law** (VSL) is established to impart the legal education to realise the vision and mission of the University. VSL is recognised by Bar Council of India (BCI) and offers BBA, LL. B (Hons) and BA, LL. B (Hons), Masters and Ph. D degree courses in Law. VSL is determined to provide quality legal education and to train global legal professionals in India. It is striving to establish itself as a top global law school to prepare students for future legal challenges.

WORDICT-IP

Wordict-IP is the oldest IP Law Firm established in 1992 based in Hyderabad. Wordict-IP primarily handles issues exclusively pertaining to Intellectual Property –Prosecution, Enforcement and Valuation. Wordict-IP also practices Corporate Laws including Company Law, IT Law, Sports & Gaming Law, Media & Entertainment Law, Consumer Law, Competition Law, Commercial Contracts and laws pertaining to Start-Ups. Wordict-IP has an excellent team of Litigators experienced in IP Litigation, Civil Litigation, Criminal Litigation, Writs & Appeals and Dispute Resolution.

1. Details of Partnering Institution

- 1.1 National / Deemed to be Private: VIT-AP University is a Private University established by the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2016
- 1.2 Public / Private / Industry / NGO: Private University Established through Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2016
- 1.3 Teaching: VIT-AP School of Law in short it is called as VSL offers 5 year integrated BA, LL.B (Hons) and BBA, LL.B (Hons) programs and Ph.D in Law Degree degree programs. Along with it we conduct regular faculty development programs on current developments in Law
- 1.4 Research: VSL regularly conducts and encourages active research on various issues of law. It is also envisioned that the VSL will open research centres to promote and further research culture at VIT-AP University.

2. Brief Overview

The MoU has to be entered into for the purpose of academic collaboration between VSL, VIT-AP University and Wordict-IP

3. Areas of Collaboration

Intellectual Property Filings, Research Agreements Drafting, Legal & Research Assistance, Mentoring (including training any team to prepare for IP Moots), Knowledge Partnership, Internships (Virtual and Physical), Research Assistants, Guest Lectures, Workshops, Symposiums, Seminars, Quiz Competitions, Awareness Programmes.

3.1 Broad areas of academic exchange Guest Lectures, Awareness Programmes

3.2 Teaching:

- Adjunct Faculty providing practical insights into the Legal Practice through classes covering specialised subjects relating to Intellectual Property and Information Technology. Guide LLB and PhD students with their Dissertations or projects that will be done in VSL, VIT-AP University.

3.3 Research: Research for prospective projects including filing of Patents, GIs, Trademarks and Copyrights.

3.4 Conferences / Seminars/ Exhibitions / Symposia/ Workshops/ Training Programs: as mentioned above.

3.5 Translational activity: not applicable

3.6 Any other relevant activity

4. Duration

This MoU is for a period of 3 years. It can be extended further by mutual consultation and agreement.

5. Co-ordinators

VSL, VIT-AP University: Ms. Sherley Hepsiba D, Asst Professor in the VIT-AP School of Law will serve as Coordinator.

Wordict-IP: Adv. Ashok Ram Kumar will serve as Coordinator. He along with Mrs. Sheela Ramkumar will sign as Witness in the MoU document.

The respective Coordinators of VSL, VIT-AP University and Wordict-IP shall be responsible for all the communication between the two institutions and the implementation of the proposed objectives of the MoU.

6. Administration of the Signed MoU

6.1 This MoU shall be effective and will come into force from the day the two authorized signatories of both the parties formally sign the MoU document.

6.2 The authorized signatories and / or the Coordinators of VSL, VIT-AP University and Wordict-IP will

- a. implement this MoU and all endeavors that derive from it.
 - b. develop and carry out joint plans for the implementation of the objectives of the MoU by having regular communications
 - c. submit yearly 'Status reports' on the implementation of this MoU.
- 6.3 Additional activities proposed within the framework of the general terms of this MoU will be formally incorporated as an addendum to this MoU, provided the addendum is agreed to and signed by both parties.
- 6.4 Both VSL, VIT-AP University and Wordict-IP shall inform in writing the respective communities of this MoU to draw benefits from it and to contribute towards its implementation in spirit and substance.

7. Financial Provisions

- 7.1 A specific clause with financial implications must include all the details of revenue sharing and execution by the two parties.
- 7.2 If a generic MoU is signed, sharing of expenditure shall be determined by the parties on a project-by-project basis and will be incorporated by reference as an addendum to this MoU.

8. Termination / Amendment of MoU

- 8.1 Both the parties will endeavor to resolve disputes arising between them in relation to this MoU by amicable means. If this is not possible because of irreconcilable differences, then this MoU may be terminated by mutual consent of the two parties.
- 8.2 Either party may terminate this MoU by written notification signed by the appropriate official of the institution initiating the notice.
- 8.3 A minimum of three months' prior notification must be sent to the other party prior to the effective date of termination
- 8.4 In the event of a breakdown due to disagreement the expenditure incurred by the parties would remain on a 'As is Where is' condition. This would be decided on a project by project basis.

9. Intellectual Property Rights

Intellectual Property developed by the joint efforts would be the joint property of the Parties and any financial benefits or otherwise arising out of it shall be shared proportionately by the parties in consonance with the efforts / inputs given by them.

10. Jurisdiction

All disputes are to be settled within the jurisdiction of Amaravathi through Arbitration.

11. Undertaking by VSL, VIT-AP University and Wordict-IP

Both the parties undertake to work closely and cooperate in the implementation of this MoU. The authorized representatives, including the signatory and the Coordinator related to this MoU acknowledge having read and understood the MoU and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

Memorandum of Understanding between VIT-AP School of Law, VIT-AP University and Wordict-IP

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Agreement in two original copies in English at the place and on the date(s) indicated below:

Dr. S.V Kota Reddy Vice-Chancellor VIT-AP University	Adv. Ashok Ram Kumar Advocate Wordict-IP
Date:	Date:
Place:	Place:
Witness 1	Witness 1
Registrar, VIT-AP University	Name of Coordinator
Witness 2	Witness 2
(Name) Coordinator VSL, VIT-AP University	Registrar / Director / CEO (other Institution)